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UNO softball coaches win national honors

David M. Johnson

Head Coach Jeanne Tostenson and her staff, Michala Lehotak and Cory Peterman, have been named Speedline National Division II Coaching Staff of the Year by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

In only her second season at the helm of UNO softball, Tostenson took the team to a 54-6 record and a national championship. Since transferring here from an assistant coaching position with the Illinois-Chicago Flames, she has amassed a remarkable 106-20 mark.

Peterman has just completed his sixth season as pitching coach for the Mavericks. His staff finished this championship run with a minuscule 0.82 ERA and 350 strikeouts in 403 innings.

Lehotak has four seasons under her belt as the Mav assistant coach. A record holder at UNO with 18 career home runs, Lehotak helps put the offensive firepower on the field. This year the Mavs batted .324, belting out 529 hits and 299 RBIs.

The trio will be recognized at the NFCA National Convention which will be held this December in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Regents prioritize, approve new logo

T.J. Accola

The monthly University of Nebraska Board of Regents meeting was held June 23, with discussions about academic prioritization, the Seniors Learning Passport program and a new NU visual identifier highlighting the conference.

The topic of academic prioritization aroused healthy debate among board members, as the various approaches and results of the university's prioritization plan were argued at length.

Central to the issue was the debate over the various effects that a formal review of the university's 105 system-wide programs might cause. Several board members expressed concern that a formal ranking of programs could cause drastic enrollment drop-offs in the low-ranking programs, while others felt

that such programs should possibly be eliminated, allowing more funds and attention to flow to higher-ranking programs.

When prompted to identify UNO's most deserving academic programs, Chancellor Nancy Belck cited the various programs offered at the Peter Kiewit Institute as those with the most potential for excellence.

The board resolved to approve the prioritization study's recommendations and voted to forward the review to the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

Also approved at the meeting was the Seniors Learning Passport program, which will allow senior citizens to attend undergraduate classes free of tuition.

Participants in the program must pay a \$25.00

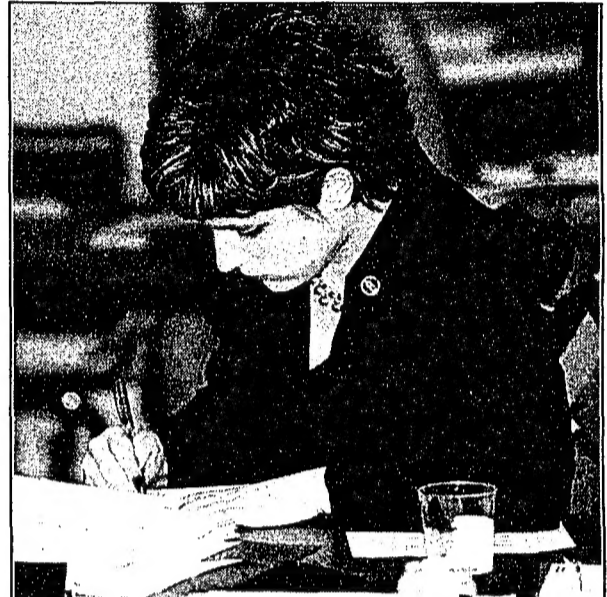


Photo by Chris Machian

Mallory Prucha attended her first Board of Regents meeting as UNO student president/regent.

registration fee and will be limited to only two classes per semester, under the condition that the classes have available space.

The board also instituted a slight amendment which changed the minimum age of

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Faces of AIDS exhibit opens in MBSC

Linda Sedjro

UNO Health Services, Nebraska Health and Human Services and other Midwest health organizations opened The Faces of AIDS photo documentary exhibit June 21 at the Fireplace Lounge in the Milo Bail Student Center.

The exhibit, which depicts the stories of Midwest individuals and families living with HIV and AIDS through still photographs, will remain on display through the end of the week.

"It's not a disease for gay people, and it's not a disease of one group of people. It's a disease that can wipe out a whole country," said UNO Health Services Coordinator Marcia Adler. "It could be your neighbor, your child, your sister, your mother and all kinds of people. It's a disease everyone should be concerned about and as individuals, you can make decision to protect yourself."

About 20 portraits of individuals living with HIV or AIDS are on display in an effort to promote the importance of HIV testing. Six of the portraits are from Nebraska, with others from Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, North and South Dakota and Wisconsin. The photos highlight the different ways in which HIV can be transmitted to unsafe activities.

"After the divorce, I slept with a few men — men my age, who like me, were recently divorced. But these men were not strangers, I knew them," reads the portrait of Kansas City native Jane Fowler, who acquired HIV through unprotected sex.

Another portrait, of Lincoln resident Raul Garcia Jr, reads, "I had gotten tested in



Photo by Josh Williamson

Cindy White and Dan Driggers spoke at the opening reception for the Faces of AIDS exhibit. They were diagnosed HIV positive 3 years after the birth of Cindy's son.

drug treatment and I drove myself crazy for a few years trying to figure out how I got it. Why me? Was it the time I shared needles all day with that one guy? Was it when I had unsafe sex with this other guy?"

Two speakers at the event, Stephen G. Jackson, an HIV testing counselor and advocate, and Jim Pickett, consultant for the Faces of AIDS exhibit, discussed the importance of being tested for HIV.

"It was amazing to be able to bring the exhibit to Omaha," Jackson said. "AIDS is still a problem and an issue and Nebraskans are not exempt from the possibility of an

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UNO & UNMC students receive Presidential Graduate Fellowships

Carol Dana

Four students from UNO and UNMC are among eight NU recipients of Presidential Graduate Fellowships for the 2001-2002 academic year.

One of the UNO recipients, Leigh Herbst, is working toward a Ph.D. in criminal justice. She has written several papers on her research and is the co-author of "Mediating Citizen Complaints Against Police Officers: A Guide for Police and Community Leaders." The \$12,000 award will come in handy as Herbst travels to Missouri this summer to continue her research.

"It will allow me the time to go away from Omaha and really investigate the phenomena of police and Hispanic interaction in a rural community," Herbst said.

Herbst, a former police officer, plans to ride along with officers on their beats. She will speak to residents and study their reactions concerning relationships between police and community members. Herbst is specifically interested in how rural police officers cope with the rising number of Hispanics in the community due to increased employment at an area meat packing plant. Language seems to be a barrier in police-community relationships as rural police forces are typically not equipped with the resources to teach their officers how to speak Spanish, she said.

Both Herbst and Keri Ramaekers, also from UNO, received recommendations for the fellowships from faculty members in their respective departments, as did the UNMC students.

Ramaekers, who recently completed the requirements for a master's degree in

school psychology, has been a graduate teaching assistant and is involved with a faculty research project. She said the \$9,000 award was a welcome surprise.

"I was incredibly honored, incredibly surprised," Ramaekers said.

Her research involves a new technique, "play assessment," which assesses the intellectual skills of preschoolers. Ramaekers will focus this summer on hearing-impaired children aged 18 to 48 months who come to the play lab at UNO. Here they will be observed playing with toys that have been selected to encourage various behaviors. The results of the assessment will then be compared with traditional intelligence tests.

Testing of a different nature occupies the time of the two UNMC graduate students, who each received awards of \$14,500. Both Ming-Shyue Lee and Dharini Shah are Ph.D. candidates.

Lee, who is from Taiwan, has conducted extensive research in the area of biochemistry and molecular biology. He is the co-author of numerous publications and received the 2000 Norman & Bernice Harris Cancer Research Award in honor of his accomplishments. He was grateful to receive the fellowship.

"I was very surprised, I didn't think I would get it," Lee said. "It gives me encouragement, and it will help me continue my research."

Lee is currently researching the question of how prostate cancer cells progress to the advanced stage. He has already identified a protein that appears to regulate the growth of these cells.

Cells are also part of Shah's research

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Around the area

News from other campuses

T.J. Accola

Chadron State College

Sophomore Dustin Elliott was named national collegiate bullriding champion June 16 at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo. Elliott managed to stay atop all four of his bulls for the required eight seconds each. Elliott follows in the proud tradition of CSC junior Will Farrell, who won the title in 1999.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Groundbreaking on the university's new Van Brunt Visitor Center will officially begin Wednesday. The center, at 13th and R streets, is named for Irene and Winslow Van Brunt, whose heirs donated \$2 million to the University of Nebraska Foundation. The center will house admissions and recruitment staff, conference rooms and facilities for the university's film and new media program. The north wing of the center will be the new home of the Mary Riepma Ross Film Theater.

Creighton University

Paul D. Goodrich, a noted pediatrics physician, was arrested June 19 on suspicion of embezzling nearly \$65,000 from both CU and the University of Nebraska Medical

Center, Goodrich, director of the two universities' shared neonatology department, stands accused of double-billing travel expenses for educational seminars and conferences. Goodrich's lawyer said his client has agreed to repay the money through his retirement fund at UNMC.

Iowa State University

Sixteen historical markers were installed across the ISU campus last week in an effort to inform campus visitors of "significant accomplishments" that have taken place at ISU. Among the 16 signs are markers celebrating the creation of the first electronic digital computer and the first water tower west of the Mississippi River.

University of Iowa

UI art student John Freyer is auctioning off nearly all his material possessions as part of his self-tagged "All My Life for Sale" project. Freyer, 28, initially began the project in an effort to downsize his Iowa City apartment. Those interested in buying photographs, furniture and even toiletries can peruse Freyer's belongings at www.allmylifeforsale.com.

Compiled from online news releases and Omaha World-Herald reports.

Car wash alert

David M. Johnson

If you're looking for a way to get your car squeaky clean and help the university at the same time, here's your answer: Multicultural Affairs is holding a car wash Saturday, June 30 at the Burger King on South 24th and H streets.

Students will be there to wash your vehicles between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Cost is \$3 for cars, \$5 for trucks.

Proceeds from the car wash will go to the Summer Scholars Program at UNO, a program begun in 1989 to help minority students pursue a college degree. The money will also help support educational and cultural enrichment programs at the school.

How the times have changed?

David M. Johnson

Yale University has just finished a survey on the alcoholic beverage drinking habits of college students.

The University survey concluded that 74 percent of all college students drink alcoholic beverages, and about half of them have had their first taste of liquor before they were 11 years old.

The report went on to say that while college students like their liquor, they apparently know how to handle it and the reports of big beer parties and whiskey binges have been exaggerated somewhat.

The study also disclosed that girls at women's schools drink more than girls at coed schools.

—This report was first printed in *The Gateway* on Sept. 25, 1953.

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infection."

Jackson also commended UNO Health Services, area organizations and publications for their efforts in publicizing the exhibit. Jackson also recognized his coworkers, who he said "traveled through snow and ice, transporting photos" between different events.

For Jim Pickett, the significance of the exhibit is in "bringing other people's stories to light."

"If you see some faces talk about their problems, it's hard to make an abstraction of it. It's real. These people are like you and I," he said.

Pickett urged the audience to make a difference by volunteering their time and sharing the importance of getting tested.

"It is critical for the individual, and society at large, to not only be tested, but to come back for his or her results. We must stem the tide of 40,000 new infections annually in the U.S.," Pickett told the audience.

"Considering that half of these new infections are in young people under the age of 25, it is quite significant to be presenting The Faces of AIDS on a college campus," he said.

An Omaha couple living with AIDS, Cindy White and Dan Driggers, shared their experiences with the public and told the audience that early detection of the disease is the best solution.

"If it wasn't for a call, me and my husband would not have known about testing for AIDS," White said. "In Nebraska, we think we can't have AIDS and STDs. People don't believe they could be infected," White said. "It's a human virus, a global epidemic, and it's necessary to get tested and it's mostly up to us to go out there and do it, because Dan and I would like to see this prevented."

The Faces of AIDS exhibit is open to the public through Thursday, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily in the Fireplace Lounge in the student center.



photo by Chris Machian

Professor Chuck St. Lucas (left) was the first employee of the Kountze Planetarium. He jams with Jason Churchill, who also works in the planetarium.

The prof who rocks

Angie Schaffer

Fourteen years ago, a man with a beard and a mission entered UNO, about to embark on a path that would change his life.

His name is Chuck St. Lucas.

In 1971, St. Lucas formed the local band Stench. Stench has been at it for 30 years, having just released yet another CD.

St. Lucas has also been a member of the Omaha group Paddy O'Furniture, which opened for "Weird" Al Yankovic last year at Mahoney State Park.

He is also teaching your astronomy and geography classes here at UNO. He is the prof who rocks.

First, to the music ...

Combining a variety of music styles to create an eclectic genre all its own, Stench has sounds reminiscent of famous acts such as Santana and the Barenaked Ladies.

The band also gives St. Lucas an opportunity to combine his love of music and his desire to educate. There's more than just music in songs such as "Gravity" and "The Black Hole Blues." There is also

another of Lucas's passions — physics.

"It actually has the Newtonian formula for gravity in the background vocal track," St. Lucas said, referring to the soon-to-be-released song "Gravity."

He plays these songs in his astronomy class when the topics are covered.

"I hope that if the students hear things like the equation of gravity in the songs, they'll remember it on the test," St. Lucas said.

For a man so dedicated to helping students learn, it is surprising to find he has only been teaching for five years.

The "Professor of Astrogeography," as he likes to be called, started out as a student at UNO. Upon completion of graduate school, he became the first employee of the Kountze Planetarium. Adding teaching to his daily repertoire, St. Lucas has been able to fulfill his passions.

"I know enough to know I really enjoy it and want to do more of it," St. Lucas said.

Perhaps the "Solar System Blues in E Minor" is not far behind.

Tell us what you think.

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Stay safe this summer... Fireworks safety

Diane Littlejohn

It is an American tradition to celebrate independence by hosting cookouts, parades and firework spectacles. But every year, thousands of children and adults are injured while incorrectly using fireworks.

Safely using dangerous fireworks is a critical part of the Fourth of July celebration.

People should be aware that legal fireworks can be as dangerous as illegal ones. Using them incorrectly may result in serious injuries or even death.

Legal fireworks, such as fire crackers and sparklers, have caused numerous injuries each year. The following are

examples taken from a recent report by the Consumer Product Safety Commission:

- An 8-year-old girl received second and third-degree burns to her leg when a sparkler she was holding ignited her dress.

- Two boys, ages 10 and 8, received first- and second-degree burns to their arms when a bottle rocket exploded in a garage at their house. Both the garage and car were totally destroyed.

In an attempt to prevent accidents, like these, the federal government prohibits the sale of the most dangerous types of fireworks. These fireworks include cherry bombs and M-80's.

Fireworks recommendations...

The CPSC strongly recommends consumers leave fireworks to the professionals, but recommends that if fireworks are legal where you live, follow these important safety tips:

1. Never allow children to play with or ignite fireworks.
2. Read and follow all warnings and instructions.
3. Be sure other people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
4. Only light fireworks on a smooth, flat surface away from the house, dry leaves, and flammable materials.
5. Never try to re-light fireworks that have not fully functioned.
6. Keep a bucket of water on hand in case of a malfunction or fire.

OVC features weekend canoeing trips

Brian Brashaw

Summer is a perfect time to be lazy and have a nice ride down the river. A canoeing trip should be a staple of any summer agenda. Lost on how to get involved with one? UNO's Outdoor Venture Center can help.

The canoeing trips the OVC sponsors have been a part of the program since it started. It runs three trips every summer and changes its locations every year.

"Most the rivers we pick out are gentle low flowing rivers," OVC coordinator Joel Bauch said.

The center provides much of the equipment needed for each trip, and no experience is necessary.

This year there were two

weekend-type vacations planned. The first was the Wapsipincon River trip in Iowa, held June 16-17.

"The typical weekend trip, we have a base camp, with running water and all other amenities, and each day we go from there," Bauch said.

The other weekend trip is to a river that will be used for the first time by the OVC, the 11 Point River in Missouri. That trip is planned for Sept. 1-4.

The other type of canoeing trip OVC offers is a week-long trip with "self-contained camps," meaning the participants carry all equipment with them and change camp each night. That trip is planned for July 28-Aug. 5 on the Upper Missouri River in Montana.

"This is the third time third time

we've been to the Upper Missouri," Bauch said. "The scenery is gorgeous and hasn't changed since Lewis and Clark."

The adventurers paddle down the Upper Missouri, changing camps each night until they get to the part of the river that opens up to rougher water.

The costs for each trip ranges from \$80-\$460, depending on type of trip, early registration and UNO student status. Students receive a discount.

"The trips are usually a whole lot of fun. We see a lot of the same people, so you get to know them as well," Bauch said.

If you interested in any of the two remaining trips, call the OVC at 554-2258.

Caffeine-induced coffeehouse highs and lows

column by Angie Schaffer

An endless supply of caffeine all night long — for many, it is akin to a dream come true.

For 19 hours every week, it's my life.

"Here's your vanilla latte," I tell a customer at the counter, my tongue still fumbling with the unfamiliar terminology. How often have I marveled at the "regulars" who come by every hour for a caffeine fix.

See, I was never much of a coffee drinker before I got this job, and I still hold it at an arm's length.

But I can't say it's not growing on me.

The first time I inhaled the scent from a fresh bag of espresso beans, I was in a caffeine-induced heaven. When the euphoric feeling did not leave, I began to wonder if maybe the stuff was stronger than I had thought.

Oops.

Maybe a more experienced drinker would do my job better. I'm getting more experience and have developed a knowledgeable smile, but I'm beginning to suspect I was hired to keep my co-workers entertained.

And what about the first time they coerced me into trying a shot of espresso? How can I make the comparison — coffee is to a shot of espresso as water is to napalm.

The warning came the next day: "Don't ever let them talk you into trying espresso."

Too late.

As they slowly deflower my innocence, I find myself enjoying the experience. Who ever said deflowering was a bad thing? And I am learning in the process.

I can see it won't be long before I will be the one slyly

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opinions&editorials

Biting the Big Apple on a student's budget part 2

When we last left Steve, he was beginning his tour of Greenwich Village.

The Village sizzles with excitement as you rub elbows with artists, rich and poor. Stroll the narrow streets with their endless array of shops, sidewalk cafes and bars. Tour guides charge less than a song and dance to lead you through the Village's historic landmarks. You shall recognize many of the structures, for they have starred in many a film and novel.

On one visit, we drifted a bit down the street to what's known as the Lower East Side, a tenement district between Houston and Canal streets and east of the Bowery, and we were so glad we did. It boasts a surprisingly romantic appeal all of its own. Garments dry on clotheslines that seem to stretch to eternity. You'll be consumed with a sense that the people here do not feel the defeat of poverty, but rather they emit a yearning, a hope. You can almost taste their dreams because their attitudes betray a strong belief in the possibility of a stunning future.

Wannabe stars propped on the fire escapes flood the early evening breeze with music from their horns, fiddles and guitars. And actors perform original plays in "street theater," for whatever passersby care to donate. Sometimes, it's hard to differentiate between the performances and reality. Once when we wandered into the area, a commotion jolted us to attention as we witnessed a woman slapping a man's face. We soon began to realize that a troupe of actors was staging the scene for our entertainment. This demonstrated modified reality at its finest. And it's a darn sight more within a student's price range than the fabulous performances on Broadway, Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall, which charge upwards of \$50 for their version of modified reality.

If your mood calls for unmodified reality, be sure to take the Greyline Tour to Chinatown. This tour will introduce you to a strange and wonderful culture. The Asian temples have never failed to fascinate us with their magnificent colors. San Francisco's Chinatown gets all the media hype, but New York's Chinatown rules as vastly superior. It's larger, cleaner and offers more spectacle. The colorful people will charm the socks off you and, if you're like us, you won't be able to resist the scrumptious food, for the aroma of great cuisine permeates the entire area. Furthermore, none of the Greyline Tours cost more than \$35.

But the greatest New York tours are the cruises. You can get to the piers by taking the subway to Battery Park or, if you're hikers like us, walk directly toward the water. You can see the Hudson River from Times Square if you squint a little. It's only a couple of miles to the west. But if you'd rather conserve your energy for dancing at clubs or rollerblading through Central Park, hop on one of the buses marked "PIER."

Many options await you with prices from \$24 to \$60. Among them are excursions to Coney Island, Staten Island, and even the predominately gay Fire Island.



Eskew eclectic

column by
Steve Eskew

On our first visit to the Big Apple, we decided to be big spenders and opted for Ellis Island. On the following visit, we chose a tour that completely circles the island of Manhattan for the same price that the Indians sold it for, which, in case you've forgotten, comes to \$24.

When you cruise to Ellis Island, you'll receive a pamphlet explaining that compared to the total area of the United States, the island's 27 acres seem geographically insignificant. However, to millions of people over eight decades, it was overwhelmingly important. It became

"You've heard about her all your life and you didn't think it would be such a big deal, but it is. It's a phenomenal experience."

their first experience of America, the gateway to a new land and a new life. I won't give away the surprises, but it's \$60 you'll never regret spending.

But far and away the most magnetic splendor awaits the student who takes the tour that circles the island of Manhattan. You'll feel like you're in another world as you cruise by the World Trade Center, the United Nations building, the Brooklyn Bridge and Yankee Stadium as a speaker points out the majestic Chrysler Building, the New Jersey shore and Central Park.

And then, at the end of the tour, something happens that brings tears to the eyes of even big guys like me. Suddenly, SHE appears. Directly in front of your eyes. The gracious, green lady holding her torch and standing proudly and majestically on her very own island. You've heard about her all your life and you didn't think it would be such a big deal, but it is. It's a phenomenal experience.

The passengers on the boat grow silent as they realize that they are in the presence of greatness. The boat lingers, seeming not to move at all, and time stands still. It's like she's been waiting just for YOU to come see her. You won't be able to take your eyes off of her, and you'll surely miss her and yearn to visit her again and again.

Lady Liberty symbolizes not only America's greatest city. She symbolizes America.

Don't leave Omaha until you have obtained a copy of Frommer's 2001 New York City by Cheryl Farr Leas, a guidebook that borders on the encyclopedic in its wealth of information, but is very portable. It provides exact prices for hotels and contains readable maps. It's a \$20 investment that could save you hundreds. Better yet, check out a copy from the library.

So get going. You'll have a ball. But prepare to get hooked. You too will surely get a crush on New York. She doesn't have 12 million lovers for nothing.

Cruisin' the news



Capel cottage revue

column by David Johnson

• What You Will Be Eating This Halloween

The National Confectioners Association annual exposition has just ended at Chicago's McCormick Place. As expected, the top sellers will be stranger and grosser than ever. Favorites included: Bertie Bott's Every Flavor Beans (sardine, black pepper and booger-flavored candy), CAP Candy's battery-driven spinning lollipops, a plastic cow that poops jelly beans, "Bloodshot Eye" (you gouge the eye and it dispenses an edible eyeball), "Stinky Feet," a green sour apple gummy foot, and "Hypermint" (two mints contain the same amount of caffeine as a 12-ounce soda).

Makes you wish you were 8 years old again, doesn't it?

• If You Want Really Gross Halloween Candy Ideas

Gothenburg University in Sweden has stopped taking in new corpses for its seven-week medical dissection course. The reason is administrators found four badly rotting corpses in the school's freezer. The corpses were covered with so much fungi and germs, they couldn't be used by the medical students. "A flaw in the freezer's drainage system was the likely reason for the problem," professor Bengt Johansson said.

The leg bone's connected to the thigh bone. The thigh bone's connected to ... um ... uh, this pile of slimy mush.

• It Gets Even Grosser

Yang Liansheng, professor at the Liaoning Institute of Traditional Chinese Medicine, spoke recently at a seminar in Shenyang. The seminar was set up for the more than three million Chinese who drink their own urine for health benefits. "Urine contains no bacterium and is more sanitary than blood," Liansheng said. "Many of my forefathers lived to a ripe old age thanks to urine therapy."

I believe in recycling, but ...

• Start Me Up?

Mick Jagger may have it all on stage, but there's little satisfaction when it comes to sports. The 57-year-old rocker came in LAST place June 22 in a three-legged bag race with daughter Georgia. The race, at Georgia's Ibstock school in Roehampton, England, featured fathers and daughters over 60 meters.

Perhaps Mick thought this was the Harlem Shuffle.

• That's The Biggest Moon I've Ever Seen

Blatant corruption in Brazilian politics produced a wave of protests last month outside the Congress building in Brasilia. Hundreds of students gathered there, linked arms in support, lined up then dropped their pants en masse.

Sometimes you just have to grin and bare it.

• Going Buggy In Kiev

Hrihory Lazarev of the Ukrainian security service's information protection department discovered several thousand electronic spy bugging devices last month in government buildings. What makes this interesting is the bugs were placed there by Ukrainian government workers spying on each other. "Most of the devices we found were being used to figure out relations between colleagues," Lazarev said.

Prompting that new John LeCarre novel, "The Spy Who Came In From Across The Hall."

• Forgive Me IMac, For I Have Sinned

Contrary to popular rumors, you will NOT be allowed to confess your sins using your computer. "The Internet is a wonderful instrument for evangelization and pastoral services," wrote Archbishop John Foley, President of the Special Council, June 4 on the Vatican web site. "But, it will never be possible to confess online."

Thank goodness. In a practice run, Ted Kennedy's confession overloaded the data systems of three major search engines and shut down Internet systems on the Eastern seaboard for two days.

• The Cruellest Cut Of All

The Swedish Parliament passed a law June 1 (to go into effect October 1) which states circumcisions can only be performed after the administration of an analgesic by a doctor, nurse or person with special permit. The World Jewish Congress is protesting this law claiming it "is the first legal restriction placed on a Jewish rite in Europe since the Nazi era." About 3,000 Jewish and Muslim boys are circumcised in Sweden each year.

No matter how you slice it, this is a bad law.



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Once upon a time ... UNO History

David M. Johnson

Pete was a bright but troubled boy. His family ran in high societal circles. As a boy, Pete hung out with Picasso, Hemingway and Faulkner, among others. When he was 10, Pete's mother died in an asylum. Pete responded by shooting himself through the liver and kidneys with a .22 gun. (He would later learn the truth of his mother's death. While reading a magazine in a barber shop, Pete discovered his mother committed suicide.) At age 15 he was in Rome, having a torrid love affair with a 28-year-old married woman. At age 17 he "flipped out" at prep school and his sister shipped him to live with his aunt. Aunt Harriet Peacock of Omaha took Pete to see a psychiatrist who suggested the young lad put his energies into college classes. The trouble was Pete had not yet graduated from high school. In September of 1957, Aunt Harriet enrolled him at both

Brownell Hall and Omaha University. Pete was not to laze his way through school. He took a job hauling Gateway newspapers from the printing office to campus. He joined the University Players, the school's arts and drama group. Although he never got a starring role, Pete did take the Omaha University stage in such productions as "Our Town," "Picnic" and "Guys and Dolls." On his days off, he flew kites in Memorial Park. He fell in love with a girl named Carol. Pete took Carol to New York in 1958 on Christmas break. The couple ended up attending Lauren Bacall's New Year's cocktail party. They would later break up. Pete married Susan. By spring of 1960, Pete had accumulated 52 credit hours (mostly in drama, speech and creative writing) and decided to leave Omaha for Broadway. The rest is history. You probably know Pete better as Peter Fonda.

from Regents, page 1

participants from 70 to 65 before approving the program, which will have a two-year trial period, after which its continuation must be approved by the board.

A new "visual identifier" for the entire NU system also met final approval. The proposal for a new logo was first made in August 2000 to combat the overwhelming number of secondary logos that were being used in place of the official NU logo.

The new logo will be slowly phased in, with officials hoping that "costs related to the changeover will be minimized by depleting current supplies before the new identifier is used."

However, several board members expressed concern over the rather low \$40,000 estimate in costs associated with the changeover. Some argued that many NU faculty members would prematurely switch business cards and other supplies to the new logo, with a wealth of outdated supplies going to waste. However, project officials hope to have the new logo in place within two years.

New Student Body President/Regent Mallory Prucha, attending her first Board of Regents meeting since entering office, voted in favor of all three motions, as well as approving proposals for the following:

- An Employee Scholarship Program and Dependent Scholarship Program which will grant the children and spouses of university employees reduced tuition charges.
- A deferred compensation plan for the university's president and chancellors via funds from the University of Nebraska Foundation.
- An agreement between NU and the Loup Basin Reclamation District regarding preservation of archeological and historic sites near Sherman Dam.
- Structural additions to the UNL Barkley Memorial Center Building.
- A \$1.6 million budget increase to the Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery Mechanical Upgrade and Vapor Barrier project.
- Inclusion of the Esther L. Kauffman Academic Residential Center as a university facility.
- Purchase of real estate near UNMC to be used for additional parking.
- The 2001-2002 fiscal year NU and Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture Operating Budget Guidelines.
- A short-term loan of \$18 million to the Nebraska Utilities Corporation.

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in the field of pharmaceutical sciences. Shah, a native of India, is concerned with the different roles that certain types of DNA damage play in causing a cell to die or mutate. The goal of her research is to produce a better anti-cancer compound. An added bonus of Shah's research is new knowledge gained about the DNA repair system. Like her colleagues, Shah recognizes the value of the presidential fellowship.

"It is very exciting ... You're getting recognized for the work you're doing," Shah said.

The Presidential Graduate Fellowships are awarded to exceptional students and are meant to ease the burden of living expenses so graduate students can concentrate on their research. Private donations to the University of Nebraska Foundation provide the funding for the fellowships.

from Coffee, page 3

advising the timid new girl, "Try it, you'll like it."

But, it appears I have quite a bit of learning to do. I can't make a cappuccino without breaking a sweat, and it appears my work has just begun.

The man or woman who had the brilliant idea of adding flavor to espresso years ago did it just to make my life hell. Too much flavor ruins the drink, and too little is the same as none at all.

My nightmares have begun to take the shape of annoying customer fiascoes coupled with impossible drink orders.

And it has only been two weeks.

The second installment of the dreams series that began last week will appear in next Tuesday's issue of the Gateway.

Interest rates on student loans to drop to lowest since 1960

Mark Lube
Oklahoma Daily

Repaying an education loan just got less expensive for University of Oklahoma students and their families.

Matt Hamilton, director of Financial Aid Services, said OU student borrowers are eligible for the lower interest rates since the Department of Education lowered the interest rate from 8.19 percent to 5.99 percent.

"This (lower rate) is a benefit to every federal student loan borrower who attends, as well as every former student borrower who will still owes a balance after July 1," Hamilton said.

Annita Lewis, education administration graduate student says the reduction in the interest rate will help her.

"It (the lower rate) will help me save about \$10,000," Lewis said.

The rate, which will be the lowest since the student loan program was created in 1960, will be in effect starting July 1.

Hamilton said last year more than 9,000 OU students who use loan money from

federal sources to help pay for their education expenses will benefit from the new rate.

The new rates will affect loans disbursed on or after July 1, 1998.

The interest rate for parents who borrow in their own name to finance their child's education will drop from 8.99 percent to 5.99 percent.

Student borrowers on a standard 10-year repayment plan will save \$136 for every \$1,000 they borrow, according to an estimate by the federal government.

"If all of OU's student volume from the 2000-2001 year was in repayment, the total savings for these OU students over a 10-year period is more than \$8.2 million," Hamilton said. "That is an average savings of \$875 per student."

Education officials said 5.3 million students and parents took out federal education loans averaging \$3,838 each in this year alone.

Around 8,000 colleges, universities and training schools are eligible to participate in the federal loan program.

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Joslyn presents Moran exhibit

review by Holly Lukasiewicz

An illustrated chronicle of America's multifarious landscape is just one of the many perks patrons can enjoy when visiting the Poetry of Place: Works on Paper by Thomas Moran exhibit, arriving at Omaha's Joslyn Art Museum June 30.

The artwork of Thomas Moran is characterized by his ability as an artist to capture the intimacy and vastness of landscapes from all over the world.

Moran's fascination with the landscapes of western America is seen in his sketches of the Yellowstone and Grand Canyon.

"The show is spectacular," said Amy Rummel, media relations coordinator for Joslyn Art Museum. "It is a wonderful introduction to one of our country's foremost landscape artists."

Moran's sketches of the Yellowstone

were the first color images of it to be seen in the east and were helpful in persuading Congress to establish it as the first national park. Consequently, the first Moran painting to hang in the White House was "Canyon of the Yellowstone."

"The exhibition shows people a different, more intimate side of Moran's endeavors," Rummel said. "It includes much more quick work that was done much for his own pleasure."

The exhibition comes to Omaha from the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, Okla., which houses the world's largest collection of Moran's work. The Joslyn Art Museum's new director is also from the Gilcrease Museum, Rummel said, "So it's really a special show for us."

The show continues through September 30 and consists of 81 works on paper from the years 1856 through 1900.

Music and dance meet at Orpheum

David M. Johnson

of the world's most renowned dance choreographers will meet at the Orpheum Theater this weekend as Omaha's Central Dance Theater presents "Broadway to Ballet."

Gemze de Lappe, assistant to the legendary Agnes de Mille, will be on hand to put the dancers through their paces in a restage of the original dream ballet from Rogers & Hammerstein's 1943 Broadway production, "Oklahoma!"

Terry de Mari and Barbara Arms, both

from Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo, direct a number of dances, including the "Can Can," made popular again thanks to the new movie "Moulin Rouge."

A live orchestra sets the stage for dozens of international dancers from the American Ballet Theater, Kansas City Ballet, The Royal Winnipeg and the Metropolitan Opera Ballet. The audience will hear selections from "West Side Story," "Oklahoma!," "Gaité Parisienne" and more.

Performances are June 28 at 8 p.m. and June 30 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Orpheum. For ticket information, call 346-0357.

Aging: it's all in your head

Bobbi McCollum

"You don't have to be afraid of aging; it can be a wonderful and beautiful thing," said Bonnie Gill, director of "The Silver Whistle."

Gill, along with Mark Manhart, started The Grande Olde Players Theatre 18 years ago to prove just that point. At least half of every show's cast is over the age of 50 and many of the themes center around aging youthfully.

"Our mission is to do shows and run a theater for people who are advocates of aging," Gill said.

"The Silver Whistle" is the theater's most recent attempt to change the mindset of aging. The show stresses the importance of one's view on life and making the most with what one has.

The main characters find themselves as wards of the church simply because they don't have the funds to support themselves, not because they don't have the ability. As they just sit around waiting to die, they find themselves ogling over the youthfulness of a visiting stranger. Soon, the patrons find themselves happier than they've been in years as they re-experience the benefits of a positive outlook on life.

Laughter fills the theater throughout the performance as the script is full of



The Grande Olde Players Theatre enlists the performances of older actors for all of its productions sarcasm and "Grumpy Old Men"-type comedy. It is sure to keep audiences of all ages in an uproar and thoroughly entertained.

"It just goes to show you that it's all in your mind if you have good enough health," Gill said.

What's the most dangerous outdoor recreation you've done?



Ivan Wilcox
Freshman

Flying through the air and doing tricks on a dirt bike.



Liz Webb
Junior

I swam with a tiger shark at the zoo once.



Andy Vaughn
Sophomore

Backyard wrestling. I jumped off my garage and did a flip.



Sarah Huskey
Junior

I'm a wuss. I've never done anything dangerous.



Julie Sharp
Freshman

Skinny dipping with guys when my boyfriend wasn't around.



Jim Overfelt
Sophomore

Full contact pond hockey with no pads. The only thing we use for protection are cups.

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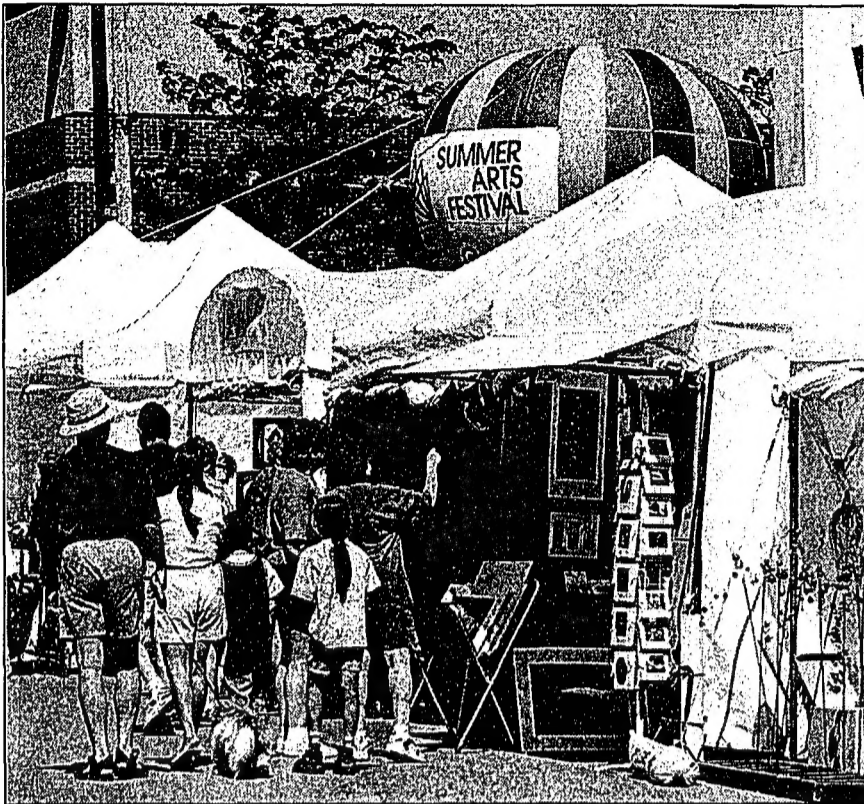
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Many people took advantage of the nice weather last weekend by visiting the Omaha Summer Arts Festival held downtown.

Omaha summer arts festival summed up

review by Mike Machlan

The 2001 Omaha Summer Arts Festival couldn't have asked for better weather. With temps in the mid 70s to low 80s and hardly a cloud in the sky, it was good weather to stroll around outside. This was beneficial because not only was there lots of walking to do inside the festival, but unless you got there unnaturally early, you also had a long walk ahead of you to get to there.

There was plenty to do for the whole family besides just looking at art. Kids ran around outside as some people made balloon animals for them. Many bands performed diverse styles of music to be danced along to or enjoyed sitting on the grass.

As would be expected, most of the booths were filled with paintings of many styles. However, some booths were filled with pottery, wood carvings, colorful glass sculptures and some stunning photographic prints. Plus, if you looked hard enough, you could find a few clothing booths, some musicians selling their recordings and giving live demonstrations and even booths with unusual items such as reusable designer corks for wine bottles.

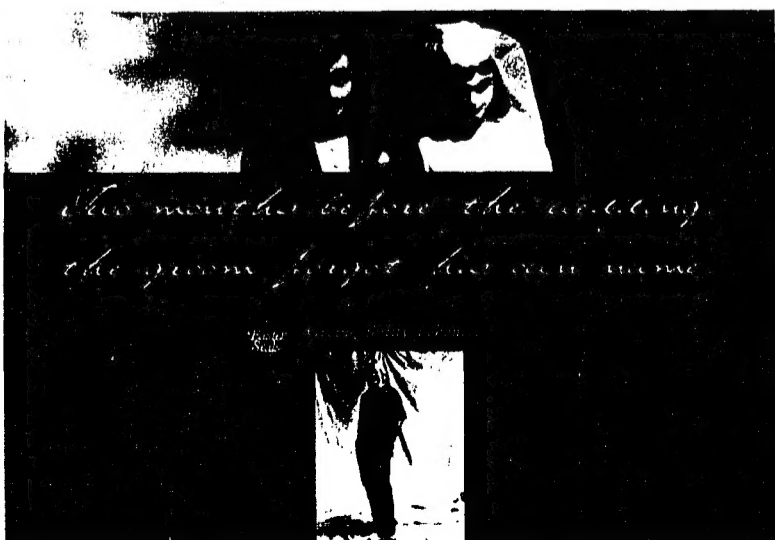
An entire block was devoted to food vendors. They were selling sausages, gyros and drinks, not to mention the festival standard: funnel cakes. Although there were tables for people to eat at, many took advantage of the nice weather and ate on the grass in front of the Douglas County Court House.

However, along with the diversity of the food came expensive prices. It cost me \$7.50 for a regular gyro and water.

The main attraction this year appeared to be the bands that played throughout the festival. On Friday there was a stage set up in front of the court house. Bakra Bata, a steel drum band from Seattle, was a crowd favorite that encouraged people to come on stage and dance with them. Following them was Brule, a band that melded new age music with traditional Native American music. Using traditional Native American drums with a keyboard and flute, they made soothing music that seemed to entrance the crowd.

Saturday included local acts Grasshopper Takeover and the 9's. Headlining that night was Cuban-born jazz musician Arturo Sandoval, who played on a bigger stage set up on Harney Street. His band was by far the most animated. By the end of his set, he had most of the crowd dancing and cheering. The night ended with a street dance featuring the cover band Dr. Feelgood. The crowd seemed to be ever increasing as it played a wide assortment of modern and classic pop/rock tunes.

Even if art isn't your thing, it's a good bet that the 2001 Omaha Summer Arts festival still had something for you. The many different styles of music played by talented bands would either get you dancing or relaxing. Finally, this was the perfect place to enjoy the beautiful weather we've been blessed with these first few days of summer.



The cheap and the choice

Compiled by
Bobbi McCollum

Concerts

Tuesday, June 26

Planet Butter at the Zoo Bar, 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 27

O'Higgin at Borders, 8 p.m.

The Satellite Blues Band at Club Patrick's, 6 p.m.

The Fonzarellies, Amazing Transparent Man & Apostrophe at Knickerbockers, 6 p.m.

Poppleton w/Cheshire Grin at the Music Box

Filthy Few & 3 Day Meat Sale at the Ranch Bowl, 8 p.m.

Thursday, June 28

Sister Rain at the Anchor Inn

Mylow & Thulium at Knickerbockers

Curtis Salgado & Baby Jason at Knickerbockers

Fran Higgin at the 13th Street Coffee Co.

Friday, June 29

Version 3.0 at the Anchor Inn

The Pharomoans at Bucky Dexters

Richard Schultz at the Howard St. Pub & Pizza, 9 p.m.

Evil Beaver, the Carsinogens & Filthy Few at

The Junction, \$5

Rainer Maria, The Good Life & A Dim Halo at

Knickerbockers, 6 p.m.

The Spazmatics at the Music Box

Saturday, June 30

Version 3.0 at the Anchor Inn

The Pharomoans at Bucky Dexters

Roadhouse at E'Z Place

Broken Crown & Spelling Tuesday at

Knickerbockers

3/4 Evil at the Ranch Bowl

Sunday, July 1

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"The Silver Whistle" at The Grande Olde Players

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E'Z Place, 15761 W. Dodge

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The Junction, 1507 Farnam

Knickerbockers, 901 O St., Lincoln

McKennas, 7425 Pacific

The Medusa Project, 16th & Harney

The Music Box, 7777 Cass St.

Omaha Community Playhouse, 69th & Cass

The Ranch Bowl, 1600 S. 72nd St.

The Rose, 2001 Farnam St.

Trovato's, 5013 Underwood Ave.

'A.I.' marketing ploy leads to obsessive Internet gaming

Melissa Mazur
Daily Pennsylvanian

For those who believe a movie trailer is only a nice introduction for an upcoming flick, the media is pulling the wool over your eyes. An anonymous marketing campaign for the movie "A.I.: Artificial Intelligence" is forcing people to look a little closer at those trailer credits.

An observant few noticed a strange addition to the movie's second trailer: Jeanine Salla, Sentiment Machine Therapist. With that simple clue, a virtual murder mystery game begins.

A search on Google leads to the Bangalore World University, where Salla is a professor. Her colleague and friend, Evan Chan, has been murdered on his boat the Cloudmaker on March 8, 2142. From there, each site leads to links which lead to clues, some hidden and some overt.

If something seems out of the ordinary it is advisable to check it out because, as "A.I." is likely to teach, the old platitude

that "nothing is as it seems" stands true, especially here. (Hint: highlighting helps a lot, too).

For those who have ever wanted to play detective — the ones who compulsively played Where in the World is Carmen San Diego? as a kid and wished they were Brad Pitt and Morgan Friedman in "Seven," a visit to www.cloudmakers.org will supply all the necessary info to play. The Cloudmakers (named after Chan's boat) are an ad hoc group of obsessed players who have joined together to solve the complex riddle, which often involves the knowledge of chemistry, foreign languages (some obscure) and decoding encrypted internet messages. The variety of puzzles makes it seemingly impossible for one person to solve the mystery alone.

Yet, like those of artificial intelligence, the members of the group are bound by the net, making it likely that even the Puppetmasters (the unknown

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Would I want to be like Mike?

Personally, I don't like the National Basketball Association. Ever since the strike a couple years back, I've held a personal vendetta against the league in its entirety. Just when I was beginning to actually watch games and actually understand how it worked and why, and just before I had developed a favorite team, the crybaby whiners had to go and strike. My response was a strike of my own. The goal: not to recognize its existence as a professional sporting league.

However, there is one cauldron of a rumor brewing that must not be ignored. Is the man coming back? Is the Air once again going to blow through the NBA? Is Michael Jordan coming out of retirement again?

Things to consider

This isn't like the first time Jordan came back. Nobody doubted then that he was still king. Things are different now. Jordan is no spring chicken, and he might just need springs to get the hops he used to have.

Besides, the Washington Wizards, which he would most likely play for considering he owns part of the team, are not the Chicago Bulls, with or without him. The horrifying Wizards won just 19 games out of 80 last season. Jordan is not used to losing, so he will be in unfamiliar territory.

No matter how much better he could make the team, one man a team does not make, even if that one man is the greatest player ever.

The biggest question of the possible return, however, is what number would Jordan wear? Would he wear #23 or #45 or #19 or maybe #3? Three has always been a good number for Jordan, three championships, a retirement, three more championships,



Live wire

column by
Brian Brashaw

another retirement. Third bounce of the ball, three more championships? With the Wizards? Perhaps Merlin has cast a spell on your mind, and maybe on Jordan's, too.

Grumpy old men

Jordan was known in his playing days for leaping tall point guards and dunking on pathetic excuses for defenders. Now Jordan is about ready to roll over the hill. He has just two years till the big 4-0. Add the fact that Jordan was recently injured, cracked ribs in fact, in a pick-up game last week. Jordan was also suffering from back spasms a couple weeks before that. He is definitely showing signs of senior citizenship.

Another frog leg to add to the brimming pot, Jordan is trying to get Charles Barkley back as well. Wouldn't that be just like George Foreman rumbling on the court? Barkley has been tipping the scale at 330 lately, a good 80 pounds above his playing weight. Barkley says he would consider it, only if Jordan did come back. And to his credit, he has been working out pretty diligently for a man of 38 years.

The two have always wanted to play together, yet scenes appear of Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau together. I can see it now:

"And now the starting line-up for the Washington Wizards: Twice retired and 38 years old, Michael Jordan!

Fresh off a leg injury and 80 pounds above his playing weight, Charles Barkley! Just off the limosine returning him from his high school prom, Eddie Griffin! Fictional cartoon star and star of "Space Jam," Bugs Bunny! And finally, cut from his seventh grade basketball team on the first day of tryouts, Brian Brashaw!" The sixth man, of course, Sophia Loren.

Air vs. Heir Apparent

So what's the point of this whole charade? Does Jordan just love the game that much? Does he miss the competition? Or does he just want to show Allen Iverson that he can unravel those cornrows with one head fake, or that he can part Kobe Bryant's afro with one crossover, or that his shaved head looks better than Vince Carter's? Maybe none of the above, maybe all of the above.

Personally I like the idea found at ESPN.com in the "Being Michael Jordan" bit: "So I'll trade myself for Kobe, win a couple championships with Shaq and Phil in L.A., then rebuild the Wizards around the kid."

The cauldron continues to boil, with new ingredients of gossip every day. By the time it's on simmer and ready to serve to the public, Jordan will have made a decision, to feast or not to feast, to play or not to play, to Air or allow the Heir Apparents.

Either way, long live the king!

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originators of the game believed to be linked to the A.I. producers) are members throwing out red herrings. An intriguing challenge? Yes. But it certainly could push a person into paranoia, total suspicion of those around them and mistaking the virtual for veracity. If they aren't careful, some might begin to believe they are actually living in a Gattaca-modeled version of the universe.

Despite the possibility for obsession, the game offers a thrill for the over-thinkers, the mind-benders, and die-hard puzzle cravers. The virtual-murder mystery is bizarre, but fascinating. Like a freak show most people may be shocked by its initial strangeness but are compelled by curiosity to take another peek; by the time the game is finished, they're drawn into its madness.

Things get all the more out of control when the game begins to interact with the players, via personal phone calls, faxes and e-mails. Xenophobes never fear. All the useful information can be made available without giving away your personal contact information.

It's not too late to get in on the obsession, which has been going on since April when the second trailer and strange encoded movie posters were released. Cloudmakers will get the "newbies", as they call us virgins, up-to-date.

Maybe A.I.'s release next week will clear a few things up and live up to this hype it's created or maybe it will be an over-marketed letdown like a certain other summer movie with a lot of bombs and planes set in Hawaii. At least, there's Jeanine Salla and her wild Internet goose chase. For now, the virtual "Who killed Evan Chan?" acts as a close substitute for a summer blockbuster.

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Peanut gallery

• Head Coach Lisa Carlsen announces the addition of Tom Lee to her women's basketball coaching staff. Lee has been the head girl's basketball coach at Omaha North High School, where he won the Class A state title in 1998.

• The UNO football coaches will be conducting three kids camps this summer. The first, June 28-29, will be a youth camp. It runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The second is a camp for high school offensive and defensive lineman, and will be held July 9-10. The third is a total skills camp for high school athletes. It runs July 12-14. For more info, call Coach McCaslin at 554-4967.

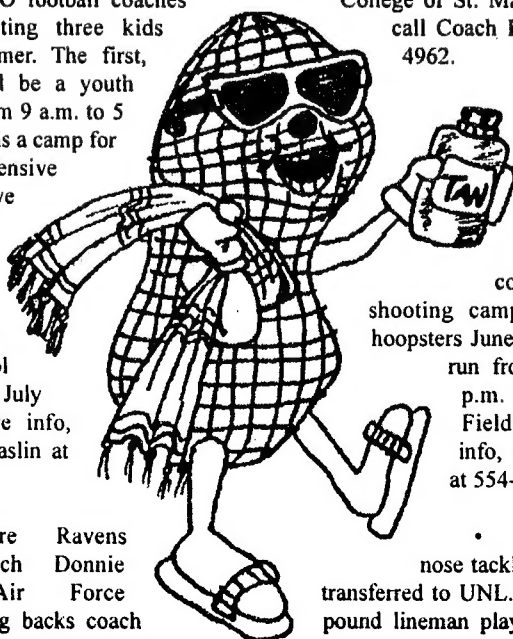
• Baltimore Ravens secondary coach Donnie Henderson, Air Force Academy running backs coach Dean Campbell and Creighton Prep

Head Coach Tom Jaworski will be guest speakers at the UNO Maverick Football Coaches Clinic July 7.

• UNO head women's soccer coach Don Klosterman will be holding a special overnight soccer camp June 27-July 1 at the College of St. Mary. For more info, call Coach Klosterman at 554-4962.

• Head women's basketball coach Lisa Carlsen and her staff will be conducting a shooting camp for local youth hoopsters June 30. The camp will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sapp Fieldhouse. For more info, call Coach Carlsen at 554-3269.

• UNO freshman nose tackle Nate Ostrand has transferred to UNL. The 6-foot-1, 265-pound lineman played in eight games last season for the Mavs.



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